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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Tatsuya SESHIMO, Takahiro NAKA, Satoshi SHINADA,  
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INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS  
Our Ref. Q61335

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is a continuation application of PCT application No. PCT/JP00/00821, filed February 15, 2000 including 42 sheets of the specification, claims, 13 sheet(s) of informal drawings, 4 sheets of drawing legends, Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 with references. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	20	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	10	-	3	=	7	x	\$80.00	=	\$560.00
Base Fee									\$710.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									\$270.00

**TOTAL FEE**

**\$1540.00**

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$1540.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from February 15, 1999, February 15, 1999, May 21, 1999, May 27, 1999, and September 10, 1999, based on JP Application Nos. P.Hei. 11-036116, P.Hei. 11-036117, P.Hei. 11-140924, P.Hei. 11-147456, and P.Hei. 11-256752 respectively. The priority document(s) will be filed at a later date.

Since the due date for entering the National Stage for filing a continuation of the PCT Application fell on a Sunday, the filing of this application on Monday, October 16, 2000, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of the filing date of the PCT application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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